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Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel - Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4365 and MUR 4534 - Al Salvi for Senate Committee
Response to: Recommendation of General Counsel April 18, 1997

Dear Mr. Noble:

Whether something is reported as "an advance" or "a loan", and all the other technical things in your report still confuses us. We're citizens who ran a race the best we could. We lost, and we made some paperwork errors because we didn't (and still don't) understand the incredibly complicated and vague rules governing paperwork in a federal campaign.

We did not, by the FEC's own admission, do anything intentional, such as flying to Hawaii on campaign funds, as in the case of Carol Moseley-Braun, a case which resulted in no fine.

It's all just paperwork errors.

Whether we are fined as little as \$5.00 or as much as \$5,000.00, we don't have any money to pay, anyway. Al Salvi announced before the race publicly he was going to put everything he had into this race--\$1,000,000.00. He did. In the general election he announced he was then going to personally borrow \$500,000.00 more. He did. The campaign is in debt, and Al Salvi will be working for years to pay that money back.

Because we lost, we obviously have no "clout" with the FEC and we have very little ability to raise money.

Regarding your request to have someone sign a "designation of counsel" form, please be advised that since the campaign is in debt and has no funds, we cannot afford an attorney.

We ask that the FEC just drop this matter, as was done in the case of Illinois' senior senator in a much more serious case, in light of the fact that the campaign did not intentionally do anything wrong.

Very truly yours,
Stephanie Mustell
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